GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1256
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
NON DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDISED COMMODITIES BY STATES
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Gareebon ko ration vitran nahin karne wale rojgar ki khadyann subsidy band hogi` appearing in the Hindustan dated January 21, 2001;

(b) the States which are not distributing ration to poor and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to stop the subsidy to such States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be stopped?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have received no such information.

(c) & (d) : Government does not provide subsidy directly to any State Government exceptthose who have agreed to undertake procurement of foodgrains i.e. wheat and rice under the decentralised scheme of procurement. Presently, Governments of West Bengal, Madhya Pradeshand Uttar Pradesh only undertake procurement and distribution of foodgrains under the decentralised procurement scheme. Payment of subsidy has not been stopped to them. However, since the current financial year is about to close, these State Governments have been requested to furnish the utilisation certificates to enable the Department to clear their remaining claims.